

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-53 are currently pending.
- Claims 1-13, 15-23, 27, 33, 38, 42, and 47 are amended herein.
- Claim 54 is added herein.

Allowed Claims

The Office Action indicates that claims 38-41 and 50-53 are allowable. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 38-41 and 50-53. Claim 38 is amended herein to correct minor informalities, claims 39-41 and 50-53 have not been amended herein. Therefore, claims 38-41 and 50-53 remain in condition for allowance.

Claims 27-37 and 42-49 Recite Statutory Subject Matter Under § 101

Claims 27-37 and 42-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and without commenting on the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant herein amends independent claims 27, 33, 42, and 47 as shown above to recite a "server". Accordingly, Applicant submits that the method recited in each of the independent claims 27, 33, 42, and 47 is at least tied to a particular machine. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration to withdrawal the rejection, as well as allowance of the claims.

Cited Documents

The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- **Marcey:** Marcey, et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,305,677
- **Blackwell:** Blackwell, et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0183044
- **Takeshi:** Sannomiya et al., "A Framework for Sharing Personal Annotations on Web Resources using XML", pp. 40-48
- **Mellmer:** Mellmer, Joseph Andrew, U.S. Patent No. 6,446,253

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 20, 22-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Marcey in view of Blackwell. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Marcey in view of Blackwell, and further in view of Takeshi. Claims 8-19, 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Marcey in view of Blackwell and in further view of Mellmer.

[0001] Without further comment or prejudice as to the merits of the Office's rejections, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation applications, Applicant hereby requests to amend and add claims to expedite the issuance of the pending claims.

[0002] Specifically, independent claim 1 is amended herein to include subject matter that is substantially similar to the acknowledged allowable subject matter of allowed claim 38. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, dependent claims 1-21 and newly added dependent claim 54, are in condition for allowance.

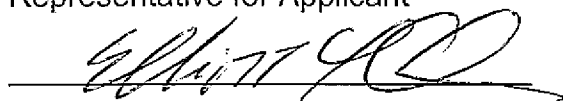
[0003] Further, independent claim 22 is also amended herein to include subject matter that is substantially similar to the acknowledged allowable subject matter of allowed claim 50. Thus, Applicant respectfully submit that claim 22, and dependent claims 23-26, are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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